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U.S.S.N.:	09/894,422	EXAMINER:	Not Yet Assigned
FILING DATE:	June 28, 2001		
TITLE:	<i>A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING REPLICATION SETS OF DATA DISTRIBUTED OVER ONE OR MORE COMPUTER SYSTEMS</i>		

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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This is a Preliminary Amendment to pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/894,422 filed June 28, 2001. Please amend the subject application, as follows:

**In the Claims:**

~~Please cancel claims 1-27:~~

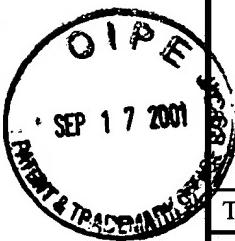
~~Please insert the following new claims 28- 56:~~

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28. (New) A method for managing data that may be replicated from one or more volumes of data that are part of a first volume group on a first computer system having a first operating system, the method comprising the computer-executed steps of:

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